

# Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee Meeting

Minutes      August 26, 2013      7:00pm

Hayden Library

The commissioners for the Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee in attendance – John McCoy NCFD, Michael Spaziani NCFD, James Leonard CFD, Arthur Cowell CHFD, James Scullin VFFD, Gerard Dion VFFD.

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

Motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting was made by Jim Scullin, seconded by Jim Leonard.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business –

Election of officers

Chairman Mike Spaziani, Vice Chairman John McCoy. Motion made by Jim Scullin, seconded by Jim Leonard. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Leonard and John McCoy will look at the bylaws and getting them to conform to the legislation.

Fire Chiefs - Entry level firefighters will be required to have NFPA Level one, EMT Basic with Cardiac preferred and a current PPA. The applications may be picked up at any station but returned to Valley Falls by September 20. The test will be September 30.

New Business –

Blue Cross – Chief Finlay has Norm St Laurence looking at consolidating the individual plans.

Public Safety – Police Chief Desmarais explained the public safety complex is moving forward and will most likely be located at the northern part of the monastery. He is working with Rescue and would like to have the fire service included. He thinks shared space is in the best interest of the Cumberland community. Chief Desmairis would like to know what space requirements fire service needs. He realizes cost needs to be discussed and everyone needs to be comfortable to move forward. He feels there should be a synergy of savings if all are involved. Some concerns are the traffic issues at Chapel Four Corners.

Mission Statement – Mike Spaziani would like to expand the existing statement and include the chiefs and union in the discussions. Chief Finlay stated that Deputy Anderson had sent a draft to the union for comment. He will have a copy of the draft sent to the committee.

Standard Operating Guidelines- the Chiefs need to look at policies and mesh them together. Most are common; those with differences must be unified.

Labor – Nothing to Report.

Financial – Covered under old business.

Legal – Covered under old business.

Media – Nothing to Report.

Buildings – 8/5 meeting was held to review the apparatus, building and public safety. They would like to engage the town in short and long term apparatus locations and administrative. The Cumberland Rescue building would be a good site in the short term. Chief feather will look at the expense to move the ladder truck. The CFD is 2 feet from state property. The Department would need to obtain land behind the station from the state

Motion to discuss with the town short and long term building requirements was made by John McCoy and seconded by Jim Leonard. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – none

Next Meeting – September 23, 2013 7pm

Motion was made by Jim Scullin to adjourn.

Seconded by Arthur Cowell.

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:42